

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Claims 9 and 13 were rejected under §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Enomoto in view of Honma. Dependent claims 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 were rejected over aforementioned combination of references further in view of various additional references. Applicants traverse each of these rejections.

In the final office action of June 21, 2006, the Examiner agrees that the process performed by the subject invention differs from the teaching of Honma. On the other hand, the Examiner construes the "prints" relating to the resolution conversion to the proper resolution as the prints printed out from the "original" print data, and not from "reprints", and alleges that such a difference is not apparent in the now canceled claims 9-15.

Therefore, to expedite prosecution, the newly presented claims define preferred embodiments that address the issues raised by the Examiner.

As set forth in the original specification, an object of the invention is to reduce image data to be recordable on a removable recording medium, in such a way so as to minimize the lowering of image quality during re-printing. In order to achieve this object, this presently claimed invention proposes that the resolution of the reprinting data is lower to a proper resolution where image quality of reprints is not lowered in relationship to the resolution of the digital printer detected by the capacity checker. In other words, the resolution conversion is performed so that maintaining the image quality in the next reprinting operation is taken into consideration.

In contrast, Honma describes that the resolution of the image data is converted to reduce the amount of image data being stored and facilitate effective use of the hard disk 304b. In connection, Honma discloses that the resolution of the image data may be converted by checking whether the amount of image data has exceeded a predetermined capacity (cf. column 9, line 64 to column 10, line 14). There is, however, no description in this reference that the resolution of the reprinting data is lowered to a proper resolution where image quality of reprints is not

lowered in relationship to the resolution of the digital printer as in the present invention. The same applies to Enomoto as well.

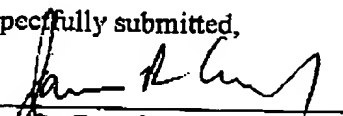
In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-KIT 327-US.

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